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**VIA ECF**

The Honorable Nicholas G. Garaufis  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

**Re:    *United States v. Raniere, et al.*, 18 Crim. 204 (NGG)**

Dear Judge Garaufis:

We write on behalf of Kathy Russell to respectfully request that, given her limited financial resources and the cost of traveling and staying in New York City, Ms. Russell be permitted to appear telephonically for the status conference currently scheduled for Monday, March 18 at 11:00 A.M. The government does not oppose this request.

We appreciate the Court's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Justine A. Harris

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cc: All Counsel (via ECF)